

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) A process for re-starting a previously interrupted spinning process in a spinning arrangement, which spinning arrangement comprises a drafting unit including a vacuum chamber, wherein after shutting down the drafting unit, the process for restarting comprises the acts of:

delivering a staple fiber strand upon re-operating the drafting unit; temporarily suctioning the staple fiber strand as waste via a deflecting device after the staple fiber strand has left the drafting unit wherein an initially inhomogeneous fiber stream is removed using a low pressure prevailing in the vacuum chamber; and

joining the staple fiber strand with a thread transported through the airjet unit only when a homogeneous fiber stream has formed.

14. (Previously Presented) The process according to claim 13, wherein an operational level of low pressure prevailing in the vacuum chamber is temporarily increased for the purpose of removing the inhomogeneous fiber stream.

15. (Previously Presented) The process according to claim 13, wherein the staple fiber strand is deflected from an operational transport path in an interior of the airjet unit.

16. (Previously Presented) The process according to claim 14, wherein the staple fiber strand is deflected from an operational transport path in an interior of the airjet unit.

17. (Previously Presented) The process according to claim 13, wherein the staple fiber strand is deflected from an operational transport path between the drafting unit and the airjet unit.

18. (Previously Presented) The process according to claim 14, wherein the staple fiber strand is deflected from an operational transport path between the drafting unit and the airjet unit.

19. (Previously Presented) The process according to claim 13, wherein a fiber mass of the staple fiber strand is reduced during removal of the inhomogeneous fiber stream.

20. (Previously Amended) A spinning arrangement, comprising:
a drafting unit for feeding a staple fiber strand, which drafting unit can be shut down when an interruption in the spinning process occurs;
an airjet unit having a fiber feed channel, a thread withdrawal channel, and a vacuum chamber;
a deflecting device for temporarily deflecting a complete staple fiber strand, delivered by the drafting unit, from a thread to be joined thereto;
wherein the vacuum chamber is included in the deflecting device and has its low pressure temporarily increased for deflecting the complete fiber strand, the vacuum chamber being connectable to the drafting unit via a connecting channel.

21. (Previously Amended) A spinning arrangement, comprising:
a drafting unit which can be shut down when an interruption in the spinning process occurs;
an airjet unit having a fiber feed channel, a thread withdrawal channel, and a vacuum chamber;

a deflecting device for temporarily deflecting a staple fiber strand, delivered by the drafting unit, from a thread to be joined thereto; wherein the vacuum chamber is included in the deflecting device, the vacuum chamber being connectable to the drafting unit via a connecting channel; wherein the vacuum chamber is provided with a connecting element for temporarily increasing a level of low pressure in the vacuum chamber.

22. (Previously Presented) The spinning arrangement according to claim 21, wherein the connecting element comprises an injector channel which is supplyable with compressed air.

23. (Previously Presented) The spinning arrangement according to claim 21, wherein the fiber feed channel, used in a regular spinning process, is used as a connecting channel, from which fiber feed channel the thread withdrawal channel is preferably separable.

24. (Previously Presented) The spinning arrangement according to claim 22, wherein the fiber feed channel, used in a regular spinning process, is used as a connecting channel, from which fiber feed channel the thread withdrawal channel is preferably separable.

25. (Previously Presented) The spinning arrangement according to claim 20, wherein the connecting channel is a separate bypass channel.

26. (Previously Presented) The spinning arrangement according to claim 21, wherein the connecting channel is a separate bypass channel.

27. (Previously Presented) The spinning arrangement according to claim 22, wherein the connecting channel is a separate bypass channel.

28. (Previously Presented) The spinning arrangement according to claim 21, wherein a cleaning channel, which is directed against the drafting unit during a spinning process, is provided as a bypass channel.

29. (Previously Presented) The spinning arrangement according to claim 22, wherein a cleaning channel, which is directed against the drafting unit during a spinning process, is provided as a bypass channel.

30. (Previously Presented) The spinning arrangement according to claim 23, wherein a cleaning channel, which is directed against the drafting unit during a spinning process, is provided as a bypass channel.

31. (Previously Presented) The spinning arrangement according to claim 25, wherein a cleaning channel, which is directed against the drafting unit during a spinning process, is provided as a bypass channel.

32. (Previously Presented) The spinning arrangement according to claim 25, wherein the bypass channel is provided with a closing device.

33. (Previously Presented) The spinning arrangement according to claim 27, wherein the bypass channel is provided with a closing device.